

To whom it may concern:

I know I speak for many people when I say that lifting the ban on cross-ownership can only be described as despicable. It flies directly in the face of the American spirit, ie the right of the American citizen to be exposed to a variety of viewpoints, not just those of one specific company. Allowing one corporation to own all media outlets in one geographical area would, especially in small towns and communities, effectively eliminate any diversity in opinion and make it close to impossible to understand current events by having them all pass through the same ideological filter. Please reconsider the action you are about to take. Think in terms of public interest, not in terms of financial gain for big industry. Thank you for your time and patience.

John Helling